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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement sheet which includes Figs. 1 - 3 replaces the original sheet including Figs. 1 - 3. No new matter has been added to the drawings.

REMARKS

A replacement set of drawings for Figures 1 - 3 (sheet 1 of 1) are submitted. No changes have been made to the drawings.

After entry of this amendment, claims 3 - 10 are pending in the application. Claims 3 - 8 and 10 have been amended. Claims 1 - 2 and 11 - 15 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1 - 2 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rambusch (U. S. Patent No. 2,527,031) in view of Handler (U. S. Patent No. 4,879,854).

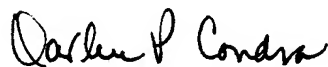
Claims 3 - 5 and 7 - 10 were objected to as being dependent upon the rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 3, 4, 5, and 8 have now been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and the intervening claims. Claim 6 has now been amended to be dependent upon claim 3. Claims 1 - 2 and claims 11 - 15 are now cancelled.

Claim 10 is amended to provide antecedent basis and to correct a typographical error.

This Amendment should place this case in condition for passing to issue. Such action is requested.

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